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## **KC MAN SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

**Eddie R. Staggs**, 40, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to 15 years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 18, 2005, **Staggs** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine from Dec. 2, 1999, to Feb. 28, 2000. **Staggs** admitted that he would go to various gas stations and liquor stores and purchase 24-count boxes of pseudoephedrine cold pills for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

**Staggs** is the third and final defendant sentenced on charges contained in a Nov. 17, 2004, federal indictment.

\* **Scott Wallace Tibbetts**, 35, of Kansas City, was sentenced on Dec. 21, 2005, to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole. On Aug. 26, 2005, **Tibbetts** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. **Tibbetts** admitted that he would go to various gas stations and liquor stores and purchase boxes of pseudoephedrine cold pills for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine. He also admitted that he, with the assistance of others, cooked methamphetamine at a Kansas City residence.

\* **Lori Sue Martin**, 31, of Kansas City, was sentenced on Oct. 17, 2005, to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. On June 16, 2005, **Martin** pleaded guilty to her role in the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Metro Meth Task Force and the Kansas

City, Mo., Police Department.

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